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WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

LOCAL PASSENGER TARIFF
OF

ONE WAY FARES
ROUND TRIP FARES
FURLOUGH FARES
SENIOR CITIZEN FARES
GROUP FARES
STUDENT GROUP FARES
YOUTH GROUP FARES
FARES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
FARES FOR LEGALLY BLIND PASSENGERS
10-RIDE FERRY PASS CARD FARES
5-RIDE LIFELINE CARD FARES
10-RIDE FAST FERRY BOOK FARES
COMMUTER FARES

APPLYING BETWEEN

WOODS HOLE, VINEYARD HAVEN, OAK BLUFFS, HYANNIS AND NANTUCKET
MASSACHUSETTS

AS INDICATED HEREIN

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The provisions published herein will, if effective, not result in an effect on the quality of the human environment.

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND REFERENCE MARKS

WH	–	Woods Hole, MA
VH	–	Vineyard Haven, MA
OB	–	Oak Bluffs, MA
NT	–	Nantucket, MA
HY	–	Hyannis, MA
MDPU	–	Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
No.	–	Number
S/S Authority	–	Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

♦ To denote increase

■ To denote decrease

▲ To denote change in wording

SECTION 1 - RULES GOVERNING TARIFF

RULE I – TICKETS:

1) TICKETS:

Tickets sold at fares shown in this tariff, with the exception of the 10-Ride Ferry Pass Cards, are non-transferable and valid only for transportation of the passenger for whom originally purchased. 10-Ride Ferry Pass Cards are transferable and multiple rides may be used on the same trip. If tickets are mutilated, altered or erased, ticket will be void for passage or refund and will be confiscated by any Agent, Purser or Ticket Collector.

Tickets are valid for two (2) years from date of sale, except as noted below.

2) CHILDREN'S FARES:

Children under five (5) years of age, when accompanied by a parent or guardian, will be transported free of charge. Children who are five (5) years of age or over and under thirteen (13) years of age will be charged the child fare but must be accompanied by an adult (a person 13 years of age or over) who is responsible for their care and conduct during the passage.

3) STOPOVERS:

Stopovers at any intermediate port on route of vessel will not be allowed on tickets sold at fares published in this tariff.

4) DATES OF SALE, LIMITS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

a) 10-Ride Ferry Pass Cards will be sold daily and the passage therein will be valid for transportation subject to the following conditions:

Route	Usage/Refund Limits
Martha's Vineyard	Two Years from Date of Issue at Month End
Nantucket	No Expiration Date

b) 5-Ride Lifeline Cards will be sold daily and the passage therein will be valid for transportation subject to the following conditions:

Route	Usage/Refund Limits
Martha's Vineyard	Two Years from Date of Issue at Month End
Nantucket	Two Years from Date of Issue at Month End

c) 46-Ride Calendar Month Commuter Cards will be on sale daily and the passage therein will be valid for transportation during the calendar month in which the cards are sold.

d) Senior Citizen fares will be in effect daily at all stations year round. The fare will be restricted to year-round residents as well as seasonal residents of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Islands who are sixty-five (65) years of age or over. Residents are defined as those who have a “settled place of abode” on the island. He or she must provide two types of documentation of residency. Such documentation may include, but not limited to, two or more telephones, water, electricity, cable/satellite or other similar utility bills issued to the individual at his or her island address within the last thirty days. This fare shall also be extended to year-round residents of the Towns of Falmouth and Barnstable who are sixty-five years (65) of age or over. Applications for senior discount travel cards may be made through the S/S Authority's Group Sales office. Limit of two tickets per purchase shall apply.

4) DATES OF SALE, LIMITS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: (Continued)

e) Furlough fares are authorized herein for male and female personnel of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard at their own expense when on official leave, furlough or pass. This includes Cadets, Midshipmen and Nurses of the above military agencies and also reservists when traveling in uniform at their own expense to or from nonpaying reserve training activities. A limit of two tickets per purchase will apply.

f) Group tickets will be sold upon application to the S/S Authority's Group Sales office. Group fares will apply to parties of twenty (20) or more traveling as a group and may include social groups, church groups and fraternal organizations. This rate will also apply to off-island based Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H Club groups. Party excursionists must travel as a group from point of origin to destination, except when authorized by the General Office to make the return trip independently and individually.

g) Student Group fares will be sold upon application to the S/S Authority's Group Sales office. This fare will be available to all persons that the school department making the application is responsible for financially. Rates apply to participants and coaches only. Group fares will apply to parties of ten (10) or more traveling as a group. Party excursionists must travel as a group from point of origin to destination, except when authorized by the General Office to make the return trip independently and individually. There will be no differentiation between adults and children.

Student rates shall only apply for school travel related to a sanctioned event with an Island school.

h) Youth Group fares will be sold upon application to the S/S Authority's Group Sales office. This fare will apply to recognized school or social groups including community competitive youth sports teams such as little league, youth hockey, soccer, football, and swim teams. This fare will also apply to island-based Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H Clubs. Group fares will apply to parties of ten (10) or more traveling as a group. Party excursionists must travel as a group from point of origin to destination, except when authorized by the General Office to make the return trip independently and individually. Rates apply to participants and coaches only. There will be no differentiation between adults and children.

Youth Group fares shall only apply for travel related to a sanctioned event with a recognized Island youth group.

i) Spectator Group fares will be sold upon application to the S/S Authority's Group Sales office. Group fares will apply to parties of ten (10) or more traveling as a group. Party excursionists must travel as a group from point of origin to destination, except when authorized by the General Office to make the return trip independently and individually.

j) Fares for individuals with disabilities will be in effect daily at all stations year round. Application must be made to the S/S Authority's Group Sales office and an identification card will be issued to the applicant. This card must be shown upon request of Ticket Seller.

k) Student commuter fares will be sold upon application to the S/S Authority's Group Sales office. This fare will be available to all island residents who are full-time students at an off-island school. Valid picture ID cards must be presented with use of ferry pass card.

l) Any passenger who is legally blind travels for free with proper identification from either the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind or a similar agency of another State. If the passenger is accompanied by a helper or companion, the helper or companion also travel for free.

RULE II - REDEMPTION OF TICKETS:

1) GENERAL:

Upon application by the original purchasers of tickets, the redemption value of unused or partially used tickets issued by the S/S Authority will be refunded within two years from date of sale under the following conditions:

a) A ticket wholly unused will be redeemed at the fare paid therefore as per tariffs lawfully on file with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities subject to service charge as indicated in paragraph 2 (a) below.

b) A ticket partially used will be redeemed by allowing the difference, if any, between the value of the transportation furnished on the ticket at full tariff rates, and the amount originally paid for ticket, as per tariffs lawfully on file with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, subject to service charge as indicated in paragraph 2 (a) below.

c) A ticket wholly unused or partially used in connection with which baggage has been transported will be redeemed in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) (subject to service charge as indicated in paragraph 2 (a) below) and the regulations shown in Local, Interline and Joint Tariff B. G. No. 13, Agent A. J. Winkler's ICC No. 263, MDPU No. 17, supplements thereto or reissues thereof.

2) SERVICE CHARGE FOR REDEMPTION OF TICKETS:

a) Subject to the exceptions in paragraph (b) below - a service charge of fifty (50) cents for each ticket will be made for handling the redemption of wholly used or partially used tickets of the S/S Authority.

b) Service charge will not apply if redemption of tickets is made under any of the following circumstances:

I. Tickets not used or partially used account of:
   a. Error on part of agent in issuing ticket;
   b. Missed connections due to late arrival of boat or bus;
   c. Error on part of purser in handling transportation.

II. Tickets not used on account of interruption of boat service or on account of no boat service on date of arrival.

RULE III - BAGGAGE:

1) BAGGAGE:
For baggage rules, including free allowance, excess baggage charges, etc., see Agent A. J. Winkler's Inter-division and Joint Tariff B. G. No. 13, ICC No. 263, MDPU No. 17, supplements thereto or reissues thereof.

2) EXPLOSIVES:
Explosives and other dangerous articles will not be accepted for transportation in baggage service except as specifically provided in A. J. Winkler's Local Inter-division and Joint Tariff D. A. No. 7, ICC No. 214, MDPU No. 8, supplements thereto or reissues thereof.

RULE IV - CORPSES:

For rules and regulations governing the transportation of corpses - see A. J. Winkler's Local Inter-division and Joint Tariff B. G. No. 13, ICC No. 263, MDPU No. 17, supplements thereto or reissues thereof.

RULE V - PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES:

For charges, rules and regulations applicable to the reservation of space for, and the transportation of passenger automobiles, see S/S Authority Freight Tariff MDPU No. F-118, supplements thereto or reissues thereof.

RULE VI - SECURITY NOTICE:

All customers and passengers, their vehicles, possessions, and cargo are subject to search and inspection at the discretion of the Steamship Authority. Passengers and persons who refuse to submit to search and inspection will not be allowed to board. The master of the vessel has the right to seize any item deemed as dangerous and detain any person possessing such item pending the arrival of law enforcement authorities.

SECTION 2 – FARES

I – ONE WAY FARES - CONVENTIONAL SPEED SERVICE:

One way fares, applicable in either direction, excluding embarkation fee if applicable

	Between WH & VH or OB	Between WH or HY & NT
ADULT – (13 AND OVER)	♦10.00	20.00
CHILD – (5–12 YEARS)	♦5.00	10.00
FURLOUGH AND SENIOR CITIZEN	♦5.00	10.00
GROUP FARES:		
ADULT	♦8.00	16.00
CHILD	♦4.00	8.00
STUDENT GROUP:		
ADULT	♦3.25	8.25
CHILD	♦3.25	8.25
YOUTH GROUP:		
ADULT	♦3.25	8.25
CHILD	♦3.25	8.25
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:		
ADULT	♦5.00	10.00
CHILD	♦2.50	5.00
LEGALLY BLIND PASSENGERS AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING HELPER/COMPANION		
ADULT	FREE	FREE
CHILD	FREE	FREE
COMMUTER FARES – 10-RIDE FERRY PASS CARD: (10-Ride Ferry Pass does include fee.)		
ADULT	♦90.00	171.00
CHILD	♦55.00	105.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	♦55.00	105.00
STUDENT	♦55.00	105.00
COMMUTER FARES – 5-RIDE LIFELINE CARD:		
ADULT	♦42.50	83.00
CHILD	♦25.00	50.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	♦25.00	50.00
STUDENT	♦25.00	50.00
COMMUTER FARES – 46 RIDE CALENDAR MONTH CARD:		
ADULT	♦184.50	N/A

II – ONE WAY AND ROUND TRIP FARES – HIGH SPEED SERVICE:

One way and round trip fares, applicable in either direction, excluding embarkation fee if applicable

	Between WH or HY & NT	
	One Way	Round Trip
ADULT – (13 AND OVER)	♦46.00	♦88.00
CHILD – (5–12 YEARS)	♦23.25	♦44.00
FURLOUGH & SENIOR CITIZEN	♦34.50	♦64.50
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	♦34.50	♦64.50

III – GROUP, STUDENT, YOUTH & SPECTATOR GROUP FARES – HIGH SPEED SERVICE:

One way fares, applicable in either direction, excluding embarkation fee if applicable

	Between WH or HY & NT One Way
GROUP FARES:	
ADULT	♦35.20
CHILD	♦17.60
STUDENT FARES:	
ADULT	8.25
CHILD	8.25
YOUTH GROUPS FARES:	
ADULT	8.25
CHILD	8.25
SPECTATOR GROUP FARES (TRAVELING WITH THE ABOVE GROUPS):	
ADULT	♦30.50
CHILD	♦15.25

IV – COMMUTER FARES – 10 RIDE BOOK – HIGH SPEED SERVICE:

	Between WH or HY & NT
ADULT	♦357.50
CHILD	♦217.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	♦244.00
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	♦244.00

V – 1 DAY ROUND TRIP EXCURSION RATES FOR PASSENGERS ORIGINATING AT NANTUCKET – HIGH SPEED SERVICE:

Round trip fares, excluding embarkation fee if applicable.
Valid for travel daily.

	Between WH or HY & NT Round Trip
ADULT	♦65.00
CHILD	♦32.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	♦50.50
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	♦50.50

VI – 1 DAY ROUND TRIP EXCURSION RATES FOR PASSENGERS ORIGINATING AT HYANNIS – HIGH SPEED SERVICE:

Round trip fares, excluding embarkation fee if applicable.
Valid for travel Monday through Thursday.

	Between WH or HY & NT Round Trip
ADULT	♦65.00
CHILD	♦32.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	♦50.50
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	♦50.50

VII – BICYCLES, SURFBOARDS, WINDSURFERS:

	Between WH & VH or OB	WH or HY & NT
One Way	♦5.00	♦8.00

Note: Must be accompanied by owner possessing ticket.

VIII – TANDEM BICYCLES AND BICYCLES WITH TRAILERS:

	Between WH & VH or OB	WH or HY & NT
One Way	♦10.00	♦16.00

Note: Must be accompanied by owner possessing ticket.

SECTION 3 - EMBARKATION FEES

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, §11. Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2003; and subsequently ratified by voters in November, 2003; a $0.50 per person Embarkation Fee shall be added to passenger travel originating from the ports of Woods Hole, Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Nantucket and Hyannis. Exceptions to this Embarkation Fee are as follows:

1) Island residents traveling on automobile "Excursion" fares.
2) Commuters whose fare is paid through the use of a book of multiple tickets.
3) School-related group fares.